

APPENDIX A

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

Flintlock Overpass Project Kick-Off and Preliminary Concepts Public Meeting – Tuesday, June 28, 2005

Public Meeting Overview:

The public meeting was held in the commons area of South Valley Middle School at 100 Mid Jay Drive in Liberty Missouri. A public official's briefing was held at 4:00 p.m., and a public open house was held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. More than 67 individuals signed in, including local and state public officials, concerned citizens, potentially affected property owners and members of the local media.

The public official's briefing was attended by approximately 22 officials. The project manager, Kevin Wallace provided an overview of the project and the alternatives under consideration.

The public meeting was held in an open-house format without a formal presentation. Participants were invited to sign-in, view exhibits, and to fill out or take a comment form. Participants were also given a project fact sheet and a copy of a *Guide to Environmental Documents and the NEPA Process*.

Publicity about the meeting included:

- A Meeting Notice was mailed to the project database, which included potentially affected property owners, other identified stakeholders, local chambers of commerce and economic development organizations.
- An invitation letter to Public Official's Briefing was sent to public officials in Liberty, Kansas City, Missouri, Pleasant Valley, Clay County, State of Missouri representatives and the Liberty School District.
- An e-mail notice was sent to Liberty School District "Quick News" subscribers.
- Meeting information was posted on the MoDOT, KCMO, Liberty and Liberty School District web sites.
- Meeting information was also included on local access stations, including KCMO TV; Liberty, MO TV and Liberty School District TV.
- A media release was sent to all major news outlets in the area, as well as local papers.

Exhibits:

Project Overview

- ✓ What is an Environmental Assessment?

- ✓ Map (Area of Potential Effect)
- ✓ Purpose and Need

Site Considerations

- ✓ Natural Features
- ✓ Communities and Man-Made Features

Design Considerations

- ✓ Safety
- ✓ Connectivity
- ✓ Bridging I-35 and Shoal Creek

Preliminary Concepts

- ✓ Concept: 50 MHP
- ✓ Concept: 40 MHP
- ✓ Concept: 40 MPH Floodway Avoidance
- ✓ Concept: 40 MPH Floodway Avoidance with Roundabout
- ✓ Concept: 40 MPH Floodway Avoidance with Two Roundabouts
- ✓ Project Funding
- ✓ Schedule and Next Steps
- ✓ Comment Table

Comments:

The following comments were provided at the meeting or during the comment period following the meeting:

40 MPH - 2 Roundabouts

1. Final plan seems to address environmental issues and best cost. Go for it!
2. Like this concept but ask that the road be pushed as far west as possible to create a barrier between road and school facilities.
3. Offers best chance to meet budget and schedule
4. Prefer this scenario
5. While probably most expensive, makes most sense to me

40 MPH - Floodway Avoidance

1. 40 MPH is a safe speed. Do not like roundabout options
2. Fan of this concept; do not like roundabouts; do not control traffic better; do not like idea of school buses traveling through; traffic lights would be better
3. In favor of this concept; I think roundabouts will be very dangerous

4. Interested in option that least impacts flood plan and natural areas as long as it does not significantly impact costs
5. Plan would seem to make sense; do NOT put roundabouts in design. They are annoying and cause their own set of problems.
6. Prefer 40 MPH concept without roundabouts
7. Prefer 40 MPH speed limit with floodway avoidance

Access to Church Road

1. Consider needs of folks west on 76th Street that access Church Road

Bike/Ped

1. Access very important for all users, not just recreation; if the Metro Greenway is to work bike/ped connections should always be part of the plan
2. Nice if bike path some access South Valley school grounds
3. Would like to be able to bike to work; transportation facilities should include paths and trails for human powered vehicles

Business Impacts

1. Concerns about access to existing businesses on Liberty Drive

Construction Impacts

1. How long will Liberty Drive be torn up?

Exhibits/Meeting

1. Thank you for this public forum
2. Very nice; appreciate the chance to ask questions
3. Would like to have options numbered

Flintlock and 76th

1. 76th Street has a one-lane bridge that is inadequate
2. Area ices badly regardless of snow removal and de-icing; speed will need to be controlled.
3. Flintlock and 76th are heavily traveled and need to be 4 lanes for safety of school buses
4. Is there a plan to widen 76th Street to accommodate additional traffic generated by this project?
5. Concerns about the trucking company on 76th causing congestion because of easy access.
6. Would hope that improvement to 76th would be following shortly behind this project

Floodway

1. Saw the 1951 flood and it can happen again

Funding

1. Concerned that KCMO will pay disproportion amount for this project from TIF taxes
2. Concerns about local funding needs impacting South Liberty Parkway development

Liberty Parkway

1. How does this tie into South Liberty Parkway?

2. How will this project affect development and completion of the parkway that will link to 291?
3. Very concerned about increased traffic to Liberty Drive around Whitehall subdivision; concerned about safety of children crossing street; concerned about impacts to property which backs up to Liberty Drive at Midjays
4. Would prefer a more gentle curve on the new road, even if it necessary to add a stop light

Liberty to KC Connection

1. Do not need road that makes it easier for Liberty residents to shop in KCMO

Median

1. Makes sense

Noise and Air Pollution

1. Concern that removal of trees in area for the project will increase noise and air pollution

Pleasant Valley & I-35

1. Concerned about add'l traffic; does current work include needed added capacity for those accessing development west of I-35 and south of 152 generated by this project?

Project Need

1. Current roads west of I-35 are quickly overloading; this project needs to be done sooner than later
2. Let's get it done!
3. Like idea of easier access to the south
4. Our community needs this
5. Project will greatly improve transportation network for the community
6. This would be a great improvement for the area
7. Will be a great asset to the area; traffic flow and congestion are still very heaving on 152; the sooner this project is completed, the better

Public Safety

1. Fire station located off Pleasant Valley Road; how will fire department access businesses Liberty Drive?

Roadway Near School

1. Ask that as much space as possible be between the road and school facilities; would like some sort of barrier.
2. Concerned about proximity to school track
3. Don't like short distance between road and school track

Roundabouts

1. Are being phased out in Europe and other areas. Why are we using them here? Make plan straight and simple. Destroy as few trees as necessary and realize that the population is exploding.
2. Concerned about their use; they seem to slow traffic flow during low traffic periods; new to area and confusing to first time user.

Public Involvement

3. Don't agree that they are safest alternative; confusing to older and unfamiliar drivers; will result in additional traffic between Flintlock and Church Road
4. I hope you will register my hope that the number of roundabouts grows in Liberty and are fully part of the Flintlock flyover plan - for safety and for environmental reasons AND for traffic flow purposes as well
5. If you decide on a roundabout, make sure it is big enough for 70' truck
6. Kill the roundabouts!
7. Lots of traffic on EB 76th turning left on Church Road; Roundabout may deter a lot of traffic
8. No roundabouts
9. Roundabouts with two lanes are very difficult to exit and create more opportunities for accidents; they are stressful and a waste of materials and money

School Location

1. Cannot comprehend why schools were built on 2-lane road in corner of district then complains about safety.

